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**RULE ADOPTIONS
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY**

N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.13

Notice of Administrative Correction

Uniform Fire Code

Fire Safety Code

Protection of Interior Stairways and Other Vertical Openings

Take notice that the Division of Fire Safety, Department of Community Affairs, discovered an error in the text of N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.13(c)6. As originally proposed and adopted effective November 6, 1989, when the section was codified as N.J.A.C. 5:18-4.13 (see 21 N.J.R. 2431(a) and 3452(a)), the first sentence of paragraph (c)6 ended with the phrase "and other vertical openings not exceeding three floor levels." In the proposal and adoption of amendments to that paragraph effective March 6, 1995, the word "not" was inadvertently omitted from the published paragraph text. See 26 N.J.R. 4258(a) and 27 N.J.R. 878(b). This omission persisted in the amended paragraph text reflected in the New Jersey Administrative Code through the 3-20-95 Code update, and continued in subsequent updates. This notice, published pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.7, corrects the "not" omission.

Full text of the corrected rule follows (addition indicated in boldface **thus**):

5:70-4.13 Protection of interior stairways and other vertical openings

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) Interior stairways and other vertical openings connecting no more than three levels shall be enclosed with approved assemblies and opening protectives having a fire resistance as follows:

1.-5. (No change.)

6. In Use Group I-1, a minimum one-hour fire barrier shall be provided to protect all interior stairways and other vertical openings **not** exceeding three floor levels. Such fire barrier may be omitted at either the top or bottom of a stairway which connects not more than two floor levels when such stairway does not serve as a required means of egress and the occupant load does not exceed 12, excluding staff.

7.-11. (No change.)